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control editorially over the papers that is exercised by the editor of a trade journal. This control is granted by the Association's Constitution, but a few members question it and there should be no uncertainty on this point. It is necessary in order to handle the financial problems of publication adequately. There should be no increased charges for advertising in six numbers annually over that for advertising in four numbers, until the Association and the JOURNAL show greater influence. There is no better advertising medium for pipe, pumps, pumping station equipment, water purification equipment and a great variety of supplies, but this fact will become more apparent when the Association and its JOURNAL show more clearly by continuous effort that they are distinctly useful. Until that demonstration is made there are no grounds for expecting the advertising revenue which the JOURNAL will have when it has been thoroughly established.

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#### REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The following number of applications for membership in the American Water Works Association were received and passed by the present Membership Committee during the year ending March 31, 1919: Active, 57; Corporate, 6; Associate, 6; Total, 69.

Fifteen Active members and two Associate members were passed by the preceding committee. The total number of new members elected during the fiscal year was therefore as follows: Active, 72; Corporate, 6; Associate, 8; or a total of 86.

The Membership Committee recognizes the fact that the war has undoubtedly been the cause of many active members resigning from the Association and has also deterred others from joining. It may be of interest to note here the variation in the membership of the Association during the past five years as shown in the published reports of the Secretary. These reports, however, cover the period from September, 1913, to September, 1918, only.

YEAR	ACTIVE	CORPORATE	ASSOCIATE	HONORARY	TOTAL
1914	947	65	117	7	1136
1915	1029	70	123	7	1229
1916	1150	81	123	7	1361
1917	1148	81	123	8	1360
1918	1087	89	125	7	1308

The present Membership Committee feels strongly that the American Water Works Association can and should increase its membership very greatly and thereby extend its field of usefulness. The time seems opportune for the inauguration of such a campaign.

This Committee desires therefore to offer the following recommendations:

First: That an effort be made to establish in every state of the United States in which there are resident twenty or more Active or Corporate members of the American Water Works Association a Local Section of the Association, in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution. It is not intended that the organization of new sections shall in any wise interfere with Sections already established.

There were on April 1, 1919, as reported by the Secretary, the following Sections of the Association having a membership and covering territory as shown:

	ACTIVE	CORPO- RATE	ASSOCIATE
Canada—Not officially organized.....	64	8	1
California.....	32	5	0
Kentucky			
W. Virginia			
Ohio			
Western Pennsylvania			
Indiana			
Michigan			
New Jersey south of Trenton			
Maryland			
Eastern Pennsylvania			
Delaware			
District of Columbia			
Illinois.....	92	3	15
Iowa.....	40	1	1
Minnesota.....	31	2	1
New York, State of New York and New Jersey south to Trenton.....	231	16	45

The Canada, California, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota Sections cover just these territories.

It would be an advantage to the American Water Works Association if the Indiana Sanitary and Water Supply Association and the Southwestern Water Works Association could be induced to become Sections of the American Association.

The Canadian Section should be officially organized, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Missouri, Western Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin already have a sufficient number of members to entitle them to local sections. Two or more neighboring states might unite in forming a joint section, as for example North Dakota and South Dakota, or North Carolina and South Carolina. Maine, Virginia, and Tennessee could no doubt increase their membership by a slight effort so as to entitle them to sections also.

The future growth of the American Water Works Association depends largely on its local sections, as these can best interest the men connected with the smaller water works in their respective localities.

Second: President Henderson has made the following suggestion:

There should be many more Corporate members. Almost all towns of 5000 and over should hold a Corporate membership so that the constantly changing Superintendents might have the Proceedings and the relief from the necessity of being taken in as new members at every change of administration.

The present Membership Committee desires, therefore, to recommend to the Association that President Henderson's suggestion as presented above be adopted.

Third: It seems desirable that the duties and responsibilities of the Membership Committee be extended and that an appropriation of \$300 to \$500 per year be granted for the use of the Committee, if such a campaign as outlined above is to be carried out.

Fourth: This Committee would request that the members of the Association be particularly careful when filling out application blanks to give all available information requested concerning the applicant. The Membership Committee can be of little more service than a rubber stamp in judging of the qualifications of an applicant unless the fullest possible information is given.

Respectfully submitted,

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